

**Osage County Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
Linn, MO 65051
February 26, 2009**

Minutes

Present: Stephen Morfeld, Jr., Chair
Dale Hackmann, Vice Chair
Mark Stewart, Secretary
Charles Stieffermann, Treasurer
Lawrence Speichinger, Member

District Employees: Cindy DeOrnellis
Colby Nilges
Ken Franken

NRCS: Melinda Barch

MDC: Aaron Holsapple

Meeting called to order by Steve Morfeld at 7:05 p.m.

Reading of Minutes: January 28, 2009 Mark Stewart moved the minutes be approved. Dale Hackmann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

- Current District Balance: \$44,721.68 Dale Hackmann moved the treasurer's report be approved. Mark Stewart seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
- Approve Time Sheets: 2/20, 3/6 Dale Hackmann moved the timesheets be approved. Charlie Stieffermann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Aaron Holsapple, MDC forester, updated the board about his duties and programs in the FOSA.

- Busy with private lands inventory – both for timber sales and management plans
- White oak timber prices are holding, but other species are depressed.
- Participated in 2 prescribed burns on public land
- Noted an increase in cedar harvest – probably due to depressed economy. Selling prices have decreased – again, probably due to more cedars being harvested
- Helping with several FFA forestry contests
- Assisted with Day with Wildlife held in Hermann.

Correspondence

The board reviewed the following correspondence:

DNR 16: IRS 1099 requirements

DNR 17: Entering practices in CMT and Toolkit

DNR 18: Color printers and purchasing printer cartridges

DNR 19: Liability associated with baseline Tech II certified practices

DNR 20: (back of 19) Sample personnel policy available on SWCD Intranet (board requested printed copy and copied to CD, if possible)

DNR 21: Preliminary needs assessment

Pat Steinman, FSA, is retiring in March. Retirement reception scheduled for 3/13/09 from 1-4

Old Business

- Poster judging (table to end of meeting)
- Lawrence Speichinger moved that Colby Nilges' salary be adjusted to the Tech II rate, retroactive to January 1, 2009. Dale Hackmann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
- The board opened the sealed bids. Lawrence Speichinger moved the following bids be accepted. Charlie Stieffermann seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Steve Morfeld abstaining.
 - Root Plow \$478 Steve Morfeld
 - Hose Reel \$528 Steve Morfeld
 - Agitator \$501 Bernie Heimerichs

New Business

- The board discussed the election process and the proposed changes. The following points will be forwarded to Peggy Lemons:
 - Standardized rules for all counties might be helpful.
 - Opposed last five proposed changes, but thought remaining ones had merit.
 - Concerned that numbered ballots would compromise anonymity.
 - Concerned that the cost of an election using mail ballots would be too costly, as those funds would be better spent providing cost-share assistance or other county programming.
 - Consensus was that Osage County's present election methods and schedule meets the needs of the landowners. (polls are open at USDA building from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., with voting continued at the annual meeting from 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m.)
- Board reviewed the new DSP-3 revisions. Mark Stewart moved to limit landowners to \$12,000 for the combined DSP-3 contracts, with the board maintaining the right to review individual requests for larger amounts. Dale Hackmann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Watershed Reports

The winter seminars went well, with attendance at 45-50 landowners per session.

Equipment Report

Nancy Kitchen, district clerk, requested direction regarding an unpaid drill rental: Scott Strobe-Invoice 1743 dated 10/20/08. She has sent three notices, with a phone call on 2/11/09. Charlie Stieffermann moved that Nancy send a letter requesting payment within two weeks of the posting date. If payment is not received by that time, Mr. Strobe cannot use the drill until the balance is paid. In addition, those future rentals would require a \$150 deposit, with the unused portion to be refunded. Dale Hackmann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

NRCS Report

Melinda Barch reported the following:

- County work groups met to determine their top resource concerns, which were used to develop questions for ranking EQIP and WHIP applications.
- Dave White, acting NRCS chief, is promoting customer service, technical assistance, simpler contract process and improved morale.
- WHIP sign-up has begun
- EQIP final rule comes out on March 16.
- Had a FOSA meeting with DNR personnel providing guidance on pond site reviews and the new DSP-3 changes.
- Melinda Barch has scheduled leave for March 5-13. Mark Brandt will be acting DC.
- Colby, Cindy and Ken are scheduled for ATV training on March 4.

Conservation Plans

*Approved between meetings

CRP: *Adrian Alan Voss Wayne W. Wolfe Trust Verney V. Vehlewald Mark Stewart
 William Johns

Lawrence Speichinger moved the conservation plans be approved. Mark Stewart seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Mark Stewart abstaining.

SWCD: *Michael Massman Donald Holterman (2/27/09) Der-Val Farms Der-Val Farms
 Michael Massman Jason Vanderfeltz & Jacob Horton Steven Falter
 Robert Jurd John & Donna Backes

Mark Stewart moved the conservation plans be approved. Lawrence Speichinger seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

COST-SHARE

Fund Status Report & Cost-Share List

The board reviewed both documents.

Contract Applications – Regular

Michael Massman	93-09-0041	DFR-5	\$1,806.00	exclusion fence
J. Vanderfeltz & J. Horton	93-09-0039	DFR-5	\$1,225.50	exclusion fence
Robert Jurd	93-09-0044	DWC-1	\$8,777.56	pond
John & Donna Backes	93-09-0042	DWP-3	\$5,828.76	sod waterway

Dale Hackmann moved the applications be accepted. Mark Stewart seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Contract Applications – MRWS

Der-Val Farms	93-09-0030	N590	\$4,347.00	year 2
Der-Val Farms	93-09-0031	N590	\$ 153.00	year 2
Steven Falter	93-09-0033	DSL-2	\$ 246.00	legume interseeding

Lawrence Speichinger moved the applications be approved. Mark Stewart seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Donald Holterman	93-09-0032	N590	\$1,221.00	approve on 2/27/09, year 2
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Mark Stewart moved the application be approved, effective 2/27/09. Dale Hackmann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Contract Applications – LMC

*Approved between meetings

*Michael Massman	93-09-0012	N590	\$4,500.00	nutrient management
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Mark Stewart moved the application be approved. Lawrence Speichinger seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Contract Payments – Regular

*Approved between meetings

*Michael Massman	93-09-0037	DSL-2	\$ 535.06	legume interseeding
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Charlie Stieffermann moved the payment be approved. Dale Hackmann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Contract Payments – MRWS

Donald Holterman	93-09-0031	N590	\$1,221.00	approve on 2/27/09
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Mark Stewart moved the payment be approved, effective 2/27/09. Charlie Stieffermann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Contract Payments – LMC

*Approved between meetings

*Michael Massman	93-09-0003	N590	\$4,500.00	nutrient management
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Charlie Stieffermann moved the payment be approved. Dale Hackmann seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Other Business

Colby Nilges has the website up and urged the board members to look at it.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 26, 2009, held between the open house and award ceremony.

Soil & Water District may go into closed session at this meeting, if such action is approved by a majority vote of the board members who constitute a quorum, to discuss legal, confidential, or privileged matters - §610.021 (1); personnel actions - §610.021 (3); personnel records or applications - §610.021 (13) or records - §610.021 (14) which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law - RSMo (Supp. 1992).

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy DeOrnellis, District Manager

Approved by:

Osage County SWCD

Date

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